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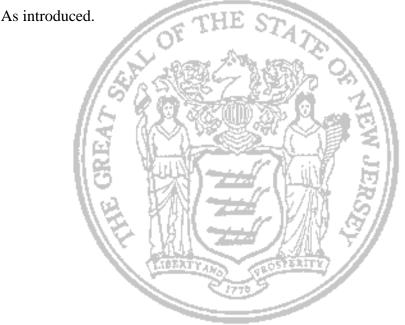
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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT



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1 AN ACT appropriating \$36,143,000 from constitutionally dedicated 2 corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands 3 by the State for recreation and conservation purposes. 4 5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 There is appropriated the sum of \$36,143,000 from 1. a. 9 dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article 10 VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the 11 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 12 (C.13:8C-48), to the Department of Environmental Protection for 13 14 the development of lands by the State for recreation and 15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). 16 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this 17 18 section shall be allocated as follows: 19 20 **Project** Amount 21 22 **BOATING & FISHING ACCESS** 23 24 Access Facilities \$750,000 2.5 26 CAMPING DEVELOPMENT 27 28 Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program 3,500,000 29 Sanitary Facilities 3,000,000 30 31 HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS 32 33 Habitat Improvements & Access 750,000 34 35 INFRASTRUCTURE 36 37 **Bridge Repairs** 750,000 38 **Building Repairs and Renovations** 2,000,000 39 Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals 750,000 40 Health and Life Safety Projects 4,000,000 41 Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs 10,000,000 42 Recreational Development 3,000,000 43 Road Repairs 800,000 44 45 **IN-HOUSE PROJECTS** 800,000 46 47 PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION 643,000 48 49 **OTHER** 50 Contingency Fund for Repairs 3,600,000 51 Administration 1,800,000 52

\$36,143,000

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TOTAL

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Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor. The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, or their respective successor committees.

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$36,143,000 to implement the provisions of section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates the sum of \$36.143 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for capital projects and park development on lands administered by the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and

grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for

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- 1 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds
- 2 for capital and park development projects on State lands
- 3 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
- 4 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
- 5 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
- 6 Jersey Act."
- 7 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been
- 8 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.